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Sidewalk & Bikeway Concepts to be Presented for Seven Locks Road

Recently, on Wednesday, June 7, 2006 the Department of Public Works and Transportation (DPWT) held a public meeting to inform the community that a Phase I Facility Planning Study for Seven Locks Road had been initiated. There were approximately 30 citizens in attendance who identified several important project area elements to the study team.

The study is evaluating the need for sidewalk and bikeway facilities along Seven Locks Road from Montrose Road to Bradley Boulevard. Additionally, the study will analyze the need for left turn, acceleration and deceleration lanes along Seven Locks Road at Bells Mill Road, Muirfield Drive, and Grand Teton Drive as well as bicycle facilities on the south side of Montrose Road from Seven Locks Road to the I-270 ramps.

The purpose of this newsletter is to bring to your attention and to invite you to a second public meeting for the Seven Locks Road Sidewalk and Bike-way (SLRSB) Study where initial concepts that the study team has prepared will be presented. The public meeting is scheduled for:

**Monday, September 11, 2006
7:00—9:00 pm**

**Heights School, Chesterton Hall
10400 Seven Locks Rd
Potomac, MD 20854-4085**

For more information, contact the Project Manager, Aruna Miller at 240-777-7194.

PRELIMINARY CONCEPTS

The purpose of the SLRSB is to promote and enhance two-way bicycling and provide continuous pedestrian facilities between residential neighborhoods/community/commercial facilities, improve access to transit stops, and to promote a safe environment for pedestrians in the Study Area. The proposed improvements are needed for several reasons, including demand, connectivity to existing and planned pedestrian and on/off-road bike facilities, and access to major destinations along and beyond the study area.

Preliminary concepts to be presented at the September 11, 2006 public meeting will include provisions for continuous pedestrian and bicycle facilities along Seven Locks Road between Montrose Road and Bradley Boulevard. Some concepts will feature a Dual Bikeway (DB-3) as recommended in the 2005 Countywide Bikeways Functional Master Plan. This type of bikeway meets the needs of the total range of bicyclists by providing both an on-road facility for commuter bicyclists and an off-road bicycle facility for recreational users.

Public input is the key to an effective planning process. DPWT encourages you to attend this important public meeting and share your comments.





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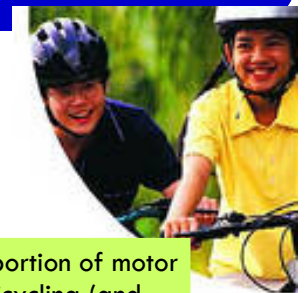
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“Shifting a small portion of motor vehicle trips to bicycling (and walking) could greatly improve quality of life, moderately reduce traffic congestion and help the County and region meet air quality standards.”

~ 2005 Approved Countywide Bikeways
Functional Master Plan